HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 368 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Melissa D. McClure on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Mt. Pleasant Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Melissa D. McClure is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClure has recently been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at Mt. Pleasant Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Melissa D. McClure received her Bachelor's degree from Columbus College and her Master's degree from Northwestern State University; she is currently working on her Doctor of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClure has served with acumen and alacrity as a middle school teacher for 16 exemplary years; active in her profession and her community, she is a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the Maury County Education Association, Phi Kappa Phi International, and Phi Delta Kappa International; and

WHEREAS, Melissa D. McClure is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; giving generously of her time and talents, she has served as the cheerleading sponsor and as the Junior Beta Club sponsor; she has also involved her students in several community outreach projects; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClure truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, serving as the Language Arts Department Chair, she has earned the respect of her colleagues and superiors; as such, she has been recognized as a Distinguished Classroom Teacher in 1998 and 1999, as the Tennessee Building Level Teacher of the Year in 2000, and as a Nominee for Disney's American Teacher Awards in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Melissa D. McClure truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Melissa D. McClure on being chosen as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Mt. Pleasant Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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